

with a private agency or organization experienced in furnishing the services set forth in the program plan.

3. The department shall implement the program plan to the extent of the amount appropriated or made available for the program for a fiscal year.

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## CHAPTER 8

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE — ELECTRONIC FILING OF STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

*S.F. 51*

**AN ACT** relating to electronic filing of campaign finance disclosure statements and reports by certain political committees and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 68A.401, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

a. A state statutory political committee, a political committee expressly advocating for or against the nomination, election, or defeat of a candidate for statewide office or the general assembly, and a candidate's committee of a candidate for statewide office or the general assembly shall file all statements and reports in an electronic format by 4:30 p.m. of the day the filing is due and according to rules adopted by the board. Any other candidate or political committee may submit the statements and reports in an electronic format as prescribed by rule.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment in this Act to section 68A.401 takes effect May 1, 2010.

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## CHAPTER 9

### ETHICS REGULATION

*S.F. 52*

**AN ACT** relating to ethics regulations for the executive branch, legislative branch, and local officials and employees.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 68B.2A, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

1. Any person who serves or is employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state

shall not engage in any ~~outside employment or activity which is in conflict with the person's official duties and responsibilities. In determining whether particular outside employment or activity creates an unacceptable conflict of interest, situations in which an unacceptable conflict shall be deemed to exist shall include, but not to be limited to, any of the following~~ conduct:

a. ~~The outside~~ Outside employment or ~~an~~ activity that involves the use of the state's or the political subdivision's time, facilities, equipment, and supplies or the use of the state or political subdivision badge, uniform, business card, or other evidences of office or employment to give the person or member of the person's immediate family an advantage or pecuniary benefit that is not available to other similarly situated members or classes of members of the general public. This paragraph does not apply to off-duty peace officers who provide private duty security or fire fighters or emergency medical care providers certified under chapter 147A who provide private duty fire safety or emergency medical services while carrying their badge or wearing their official uniform, provided that the person has secured the prior approval of the agency or political subdivision in which the person is regularly employed to engage in the activity. For purposes of this paragraph, a person is not "similarly situated" merely by being or being related to a person who serves or is employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state.

b. ~~The outside~~ Outside employment or ~~an~~ activity that involves the receipt of, promise of, or acceptance of money or other consideration by the person, or a member of the person's immediate family, from anyone other than the state or the political subdivision for the performance of any act that the person would be required or expected to perform as a part of the person's regular duties or during the hours during which the person performs service or work for the state or political subdivision of the state.

c. ~~The outside~~ Outside employment or ~~an~~ activity that is subject to the official control, inspection, review, audit, or enforcement authority of the person, during the performance of the person's duties of office or employment.

Sec. 2. Section 68B.2A, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

If the outside employment or activity is employment or activity described in subsection 1, paragraph "a" or "b", the person shall immediately cease the employment or activity. If the outside employment or activity is employment or activity described in subsection 1, paragraph "c", or constitutes any other unacceptable conflict of interest outside employment or an activity prohibited under rules adopted pursuant to subsection 4 or under the senate or house codes of ethics, unless otherwise provided by law, the person shall take one of the following courses of action:

Sec. 3. Section 68B.7, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2009, are amended to read as follows:

1. A person who has served as an official, state employee of a state agency, member of the general assembly, or legislative employee shall not within a period of two years after the termination of such service or employment ~~appear before the agency or~~ receive compensation for any services rendered on behalf of any person, firm, corporation, or association in relation to any case, proceeding, or application with respect to which the person was directly concerned and personally participated during the period of service or employment.

2. A person who has served as the head of or on a commission or board of a regulatory agency or as a deputy thereof, shall not, within a period of two years after the termination of such service ~~accept~~ do any of the following:

a. Accept employment with that commission, board, or agency ~~or receive~~.

b. Receive compensation for any services rendered on behalf of any person, firm, corporation, or association in any case, proceedings, or application before the department with which the person so served wherein the person's compensation is to be dependent or contingent upon any action by such agency with respect to any license, contract, certificate, ruling, decision, opinion, rate schedule, franchise, or other benefit, or in promoting or opposing, directly or indirectly, the passage of bills or resolutions before either house of the general assembly.

Sec. 4. Section 68B.26, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

68B.26 ACTIONS COMMENCED.

1. Complaints regarding alleging conduct of local officials or local employees which violates this chapter, except for sections 68B.36, 68B.37, and 68B.38, shall be filed with the county attorney in the county where the accused resides. However, if the county attorney is the person against whom the complaint is filed, or if the county attorney otherwise has a personal or legal conflict of interest, the complaint shall be referred to another county attorney.

2. Complaints alleging conduct of local officials or local employees which violates section 68B.36, 68B.37, or 68B.38, shall be filed with the ethics committee of the appropriate house of the general assembly if the conduct involves lobbying activities before the general assembly or with the board if the conduct involves lobbying activities before the executive branch.

Sec. 5. Section 68B.35, subsection 5, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

5. a. A candidate for statewide office shall file a financial statement with the ethics and campaign disclosure board, a candidate for the office of state representative shall file a financial statement with the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and a candidate for the office of state senator shall file a financial statement with the secretary of the senate. Statements shall contain information concerning the year preceding the year in which the election is to be held. ~~The statement shall be filed no later than thirty days after the date on which a person is required to file nomination papers for state office under section 43.11, or, if the person is a candidate in a special election, as soon as practicable after the certification of the name of the nominee under section 43.88, but the statement shall be postmarked no later than seven days after certification.~~

b. The ethics and campaign disclosure board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A providing for the filing of the financial statements with the board and for the deposit, retention, and availability of the financial statements. The ethics committees of the house of representatives and the senate shall recommend rules for adoption by the respective houses providing for the filing of the financial statements with the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate and for the deposit, retention, and availability of the financial statements. Rules adopted shall also include a procedure for notification of candidates of the duty to file disclosure statements under this section.

Sec. 6. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVES.

1. The Code editor shall create a new subchapter in chapter 68B and move sections 68B.25 and 68B.26 into the new subchapter.

2. The Code editor shall consider modifying the headnote to section 68B.2A to read, "Prohibited Outside Employment and Activities — Conflicts of Interest".

3. The Code editor shall consider modifying the headnote to section 68B.7 to read, "Prohibited Use of Influence".

Approved March 6, 2009

**CHAPTER 10****DISPOSITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY***H.F. 233*

**AN ACT** relating to the disposition of school property and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 278.1, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:

b. Except when restricted by section 297.25, direct the sale, lease, or other disposition of any schoolhouse or school site or other property belonging to the corporation, and the application to be made of the proceeds thereof. However, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the independent action by the board of directors of the corporation to sell sale, lease, exchange, gift, or grant, or otherwise dispose and acceptance of any interest in real or other property of the corporation to the extent authorized in section 297.22. For the purposes of this paragraph, “dispose” or “disposition” includes the exchange, transfer, demolition, or destruction of any real or other property of the corporation.

Sec. 2. Section 297.22, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code 2009, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 3. Section 297.25, Code 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
297.25 RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Section 297.22 shall be construed as independent of the power vested in the electors by section 278.1, and as additional to such power. If a board of directors has exercised its independent power under section 297.22 regarding the disposition of real or personal property of the school district and has by resolution approved such action, the electors may subsequently proceed to exercise their power under section 278.1 for a purpose directly contrary to an action previously approved by the board of directors in accordance with section 297.22. However, the electors shall be limited to ~~twelve calendar months~~ ten days after an action by the board to exercise such power for a purpose directly contrary to the board’s action.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Approved March 13, 2009

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**CHAPTER 11****PROPERTY TAX SALES —  
BIDDERS AND OWNERS OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES***H.F. 256*

**AN ACT** relating to bidders at a property tax sale and owners of tax sale certificates and including effective and applicability date provisions.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 446.16, Code 2009, is amended by adding the following new subsection:  
NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Only those persons as defined in section 4.1 are authorized to reg-